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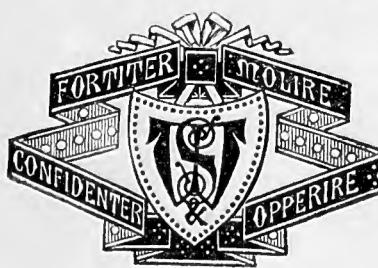
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PREFACE.

THE following pages were originally written for, and are now published at the request of, the Author's pupils.

The object which the Compilation is intended to fulfil is to afford to students commencing the study of Botanical Classification a concise, simple, and systematic guide to the Diagnosis of our British Natural Orders.

In the selection of diagnostic data, reference has been had rather to facility of recognition than to morphological significance, and, as the Work is merely designed for practical analysis in the field, *almost all matter has been excluded which is not essential for the purposes of diagnosis*. It should be borne in mind that the characteristics specified as pertaining to Orders are not always without exception, and *in some cases are applicable only to British representatives*. The attention of beginners should also be directed to the fact that in the following System, as in all methods of Artificial Analysis, *the Orders are not arranged according to their Natural Affinities*, in some cases Orders being placed in apposition which should be widely separated, and *vice versa*.

Inasmuch as it is presumed that no student will commence the study of Systematic Botany without having previously mastered the outlines of Morphology, technicalities have been freely used throughout the Work.*

* It is necessary to state that in the following pages the term *Polycarpellary* signifies an ovary composed of more than one carpel; *Plurilocular*, the existence of more than two cells; *Polyandrous*, a greater number of stamens than ten; and *Oligandrous*, ten or fewer stamens.

Some of the Orders are printed *in italics*, to signify that they do not properly belong to the Group under which they are so printed, but that some of their representatives exhibit approximative characters of the Group.

Very few words are needed as to the method of using the following pages. In examining a plant, it is consecutively referred to its Sub-kingdom, Division, Subdivision, Class, Sub-class, and Group ; the analysis of the Group is then followed, and the Order of the plant arrived at. When the student has diagnosed the Order, he should refer to his text-book, and study therefrom the characteristics of the Order *in extenso*. It is hoped that by this means the study of Systematic Botany will be facilitated for beginners, and rendered a pleasant, as well as a profitable, expenditure of time.

The Author, in conclusion, desires to acknowledge, as valuable sources of information, the works of Bentham, Balfour, Bentley, Henslow, Henfrey, Hooker and Arnott, Lindley, Oliver, and many others ; and he would record his gratitude to those gentlemen who have so kindly afforded him their assistance and advice.

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SUB-KINGDOM PHANEROGAMIA.

Flowering plants. Propagate by seeds containing an embryo.

DIVISION 1.—DICOTYLEDONES or EXOGENE.

Embryo with two or more opposite cotyledons. Wood exogenous. Leaves usually net-veined.
Flowers usually formed on a quinary or quaternary type.

SUBDIVISION 1.—Angiospermia.

Ovules contained in an ovary, and fertilized through the intervention of a stigma.

CLASS 1.—DICHLAMYDEÆ.

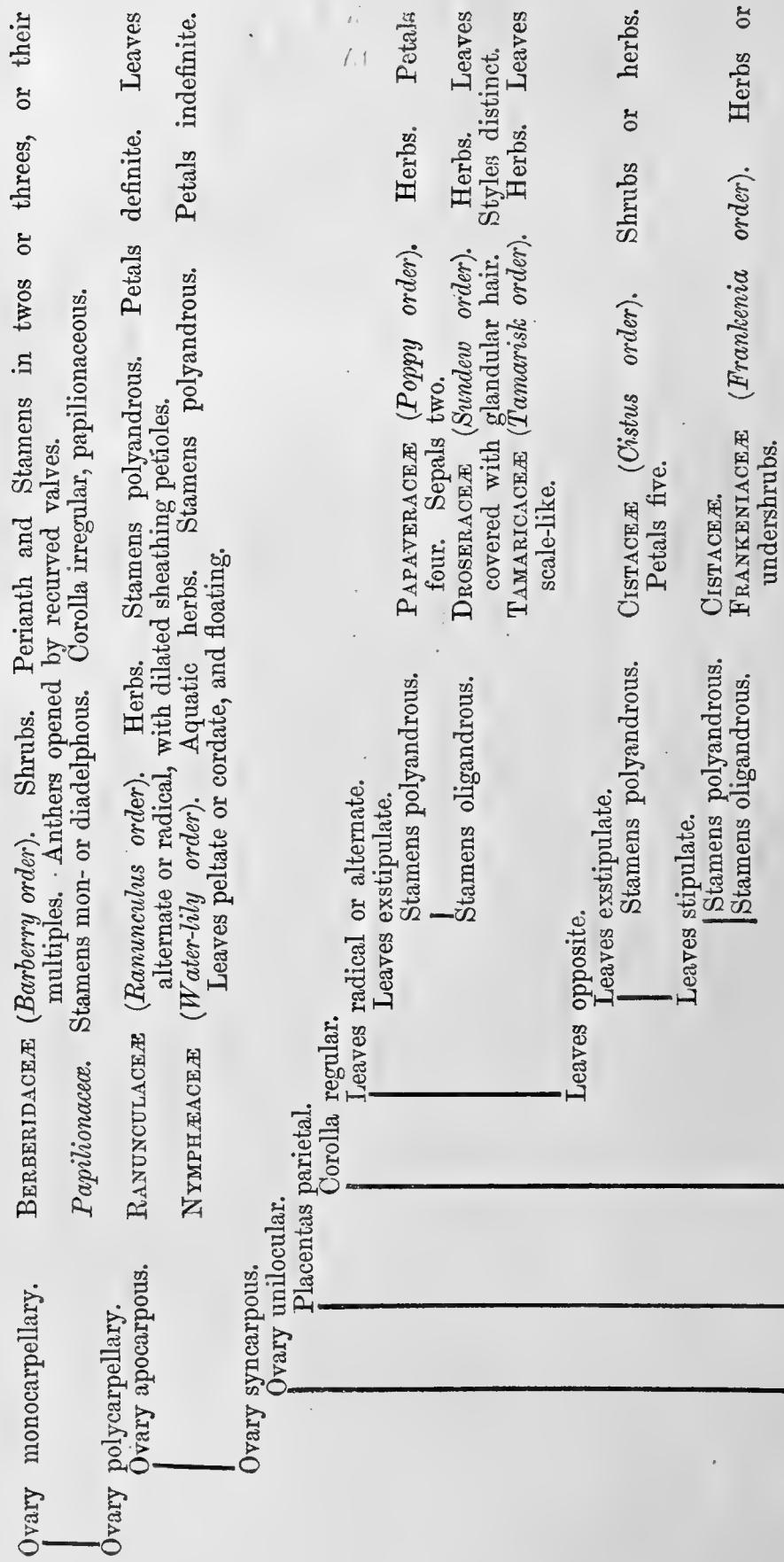
Perianth double.

SUB-CLASS 1.—POLYPETALÆ.

Petals wholly distinct.

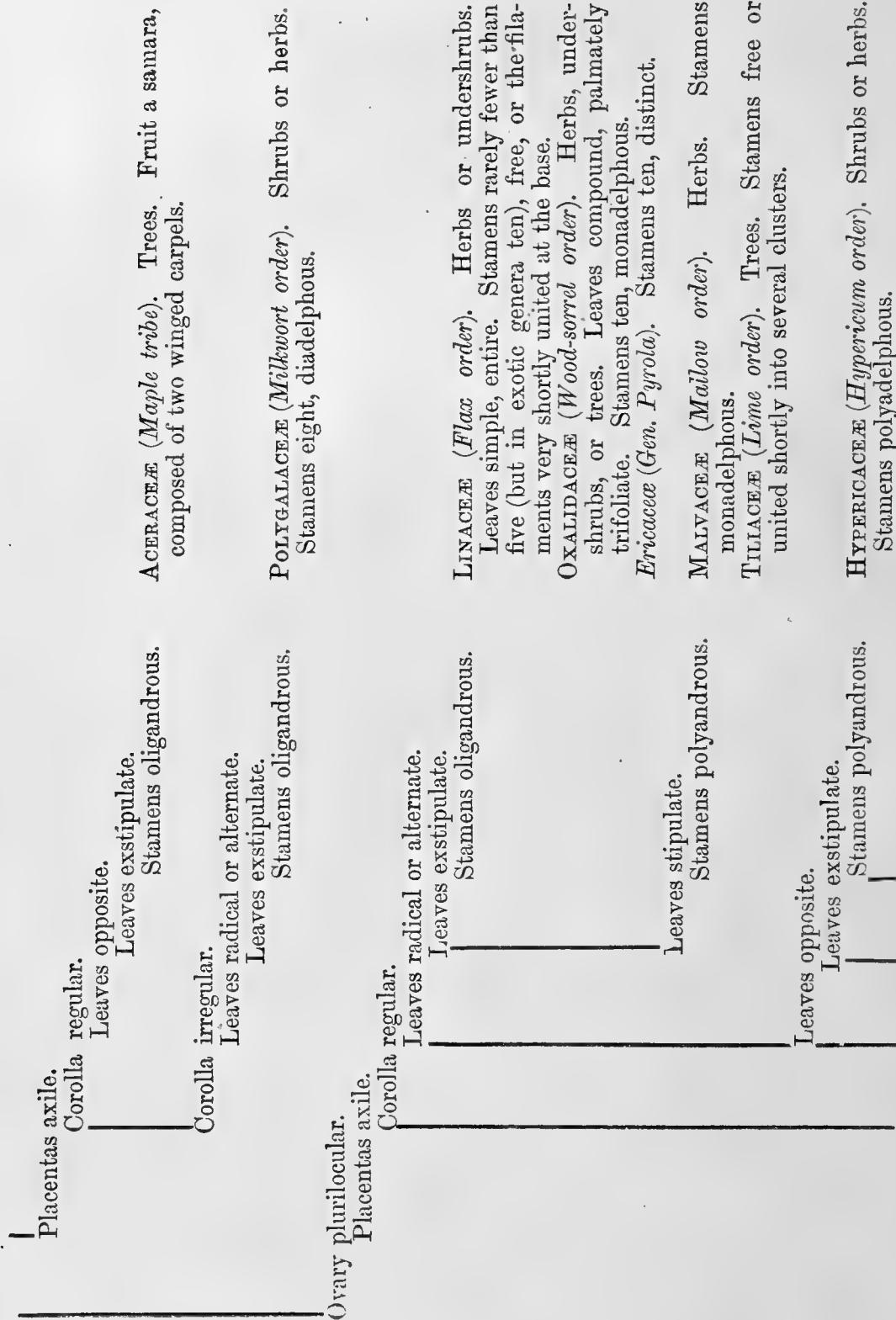
Group 1.—HYPOGYNÆ (Thalamifloræ).

Stamens hypogynous.



Corolla irregular.	Leaves radical or alternate.				
	Leaves exstipulate.				
	Stamens polyandrous.	RESEDACEÆ (<i>Mignonette order</i>). Herbs. Petals four to six. Capsule opens at the top before maturity.			
	Stamens oligandrous.	FUMARIACEÆ (<i>Fumitory order</i>). Herbs. Stamens six, diadelphous.			
	Leaves stipulate.	VIOLACEÆ (<i>Violet order</i>). Herbs. Stamens five, connective prolonged above the anther-cells, filaments dilated.			
	Stamens oligandrous.	CARYOPHYLLACEÆ (<i>Pink order</i>). Herbs. Placentas free-central. Stigmas papillose along their inner surface.			
	Placentas axile.				
	Corolla regular.				
	Leaves opposite.				
	Leaves exstipulate.				
	Stamens oligandrous.				
	Leaves exstipulate.				
	Stamens oligandrous.				
Ovary bilocular.	Placentas parietal.				
	Corolla regular.				
	Leaves radical or alternate.				
	Leaves exstipulate.				
	Stamens oligandrous.	CRUCIFERÆ (<i>Crucifer order</i>). Herbs, or seldom undershrubs. Sepals and Petals four each. Stamens six, tetrady namous.			

Anomalous Order—*Plumbaginaceæ*. One ovule, which is pendulous from a funiculus arising from the bottom of the cell.

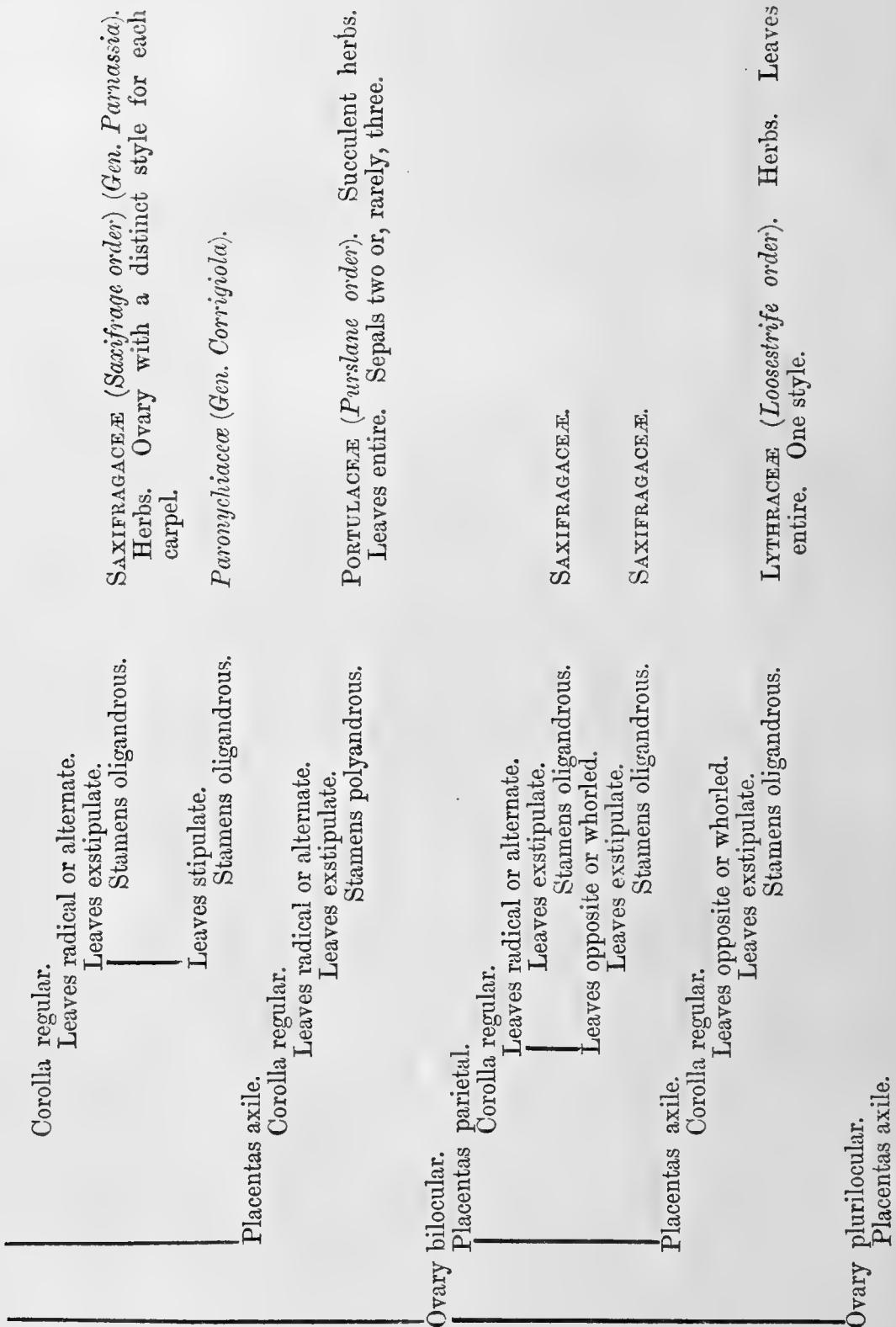


	Stamens oligandrous.	LINACEÆ.
	Leaves stipulate.	ELATINACEÆ (<i>Elatine order</i>). Annual March plants. Leaves entire. Stigmas capitate.
	Stamens oligandrous.	GERANIACEÆ (<i>Geranium order</i>). Herbs or shrubs. Leaves divided, cut, or toothed.
		Leafless <i>Ericaceæ</i> (<i>Gen. Monotropa</i> , leaves represented by scales).
Corolla irregular.		
Leaves radical or alternate.		
Leaves exstipulate.		
	Stamens oligandrous.	BALSAMINACEÆ (<i>Balsam order</i>). Succulent herbs. Leaves simple.

Group III.—PERIGYNAE (Calycifloræ).

Stamens perigynous. Ovary wholly or partially superior.

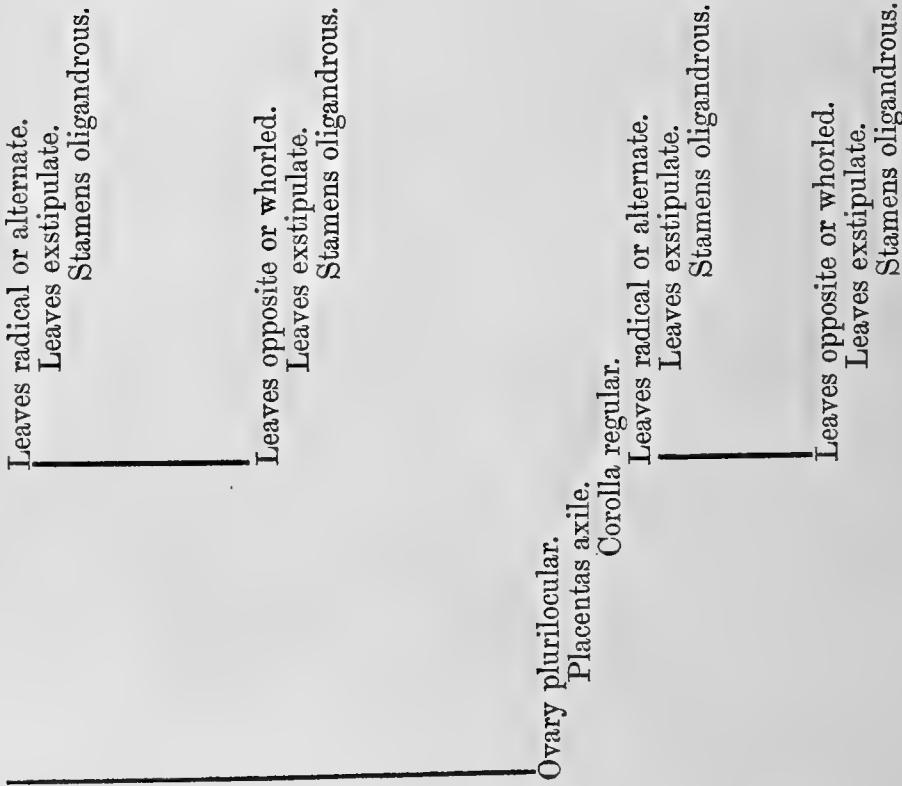
Ovary monocarpellary.	PAPILLIONACEÆ (<i>Pea-flower tribe</i>). Herbs, shrubs, or trees. Stamens oligandrous and mon-, or diadelphous. Corolla irregular, papilionaceous.
Ovary polycarpellary.	ROSACEÆ (<i>Rose order</i>). Herbs, shrubs, or trees. Stamens polyandrous. Corolla regular.
Ovary apocarpous.	ROSACEÆ. Leaves stipulate.
Ovary syncarpous.	CRASSULACEÆ (<i>Stonecrop order</i>). Herbs or shrubs. Leaves exstipulate. Flowers symmetrical.
Ovary unilocular.	Placentas parietal.



Corolla regular.			
Leaves radical or alternate.			
Leaves stipulate.	Rosaceæ.		
Stamens polyandrous.	Rhamnaceæ (Buckthorn order).	Trees or shrubs.	
Stamens oligandrous.		Leaves simple. Stamens opposite petals.	
Leaves opposite or whorled.			
Leaves exstipulate.			
Stamens oligandrous.	Lythraceæ.		
Leaves stipulate.			
Stamens oligandrous.	Celastraceæ (Spindle-tree order).	Shrubs or trees.	
Leaves simple.		Leaves simple. Stamens alternate with petals.	

Group III.—EPIGYNÆ (Calycifloræ).

Ovary polycarpellary.			
Ovary syncarpous.			
Ovary unilocular.			
Placentas parietal.			
Corolla regular.	Ribesiaceæ (Currant order).	Shrubs. One style.	
Leaves radical or alternate.		Stamens 4—5, alternate with the petals. Leaves lobed.	
Leaves exstipulate.			
Stamens oligandrous.			
Ovary bilocular.			
Placentas axile.			
Corolla regular.			



UMBELLIFERÆ (Umbellate order). Herbs. Two styles. Stamens 5, alternate with the petals. Leaves variously divided and sheathing. Flowers umbellate. Fruit dry; carpels separate from the axis when ripe.

**ONAGRACEÆ (Evening Primrose order), (Gen. *Circaea*,
Stamens two).** Herbs. Stamens 8-4-2. Perianth in twos or fours. One style. Flowers on terminal spikes or racemes.

CORNACEÆ (Dogwood order). Trees, shrubs, or herbs. Stamens 4, alternate with petals. One style. Flowers capitate, umbellate or corymbose.

ONAGRACEÆ (Gen. *Enothera*, stamens 8).

ARALIACEÆ (Ivy order). Shrubs, trees or climbers, rarely herbs. Stamens 5. Fruit succulent. Flowers umbellate or capitate.

ONAGRACEÆ (Gen. *Ludwigia*, *Epilobe*. Leaves are sometimes irregularly scattered in latter).

HALORAGACEÆ (Marestabæ order). Aquatic herbs. Stigmas sessile in British genera. Flowers in terminal panicles or racemes.

Group II.—EPIPETALÆ.

Stamens adherent to corolla.

Ovary polycarpellary. APOCYNACEÆ (*Dogbane order*). Herbs. Leaves opposite. Corolla regular. Stamens as many as corolla-lobes. Styles united.
 Ovary apocarpous. GRASSULACEÆ (*Gen. Cotyledon*). Herbs or succulent shrubs. Leaves scattered. Corolla regular. Stamens twice as many as corolla-lobes. Styles distinct.

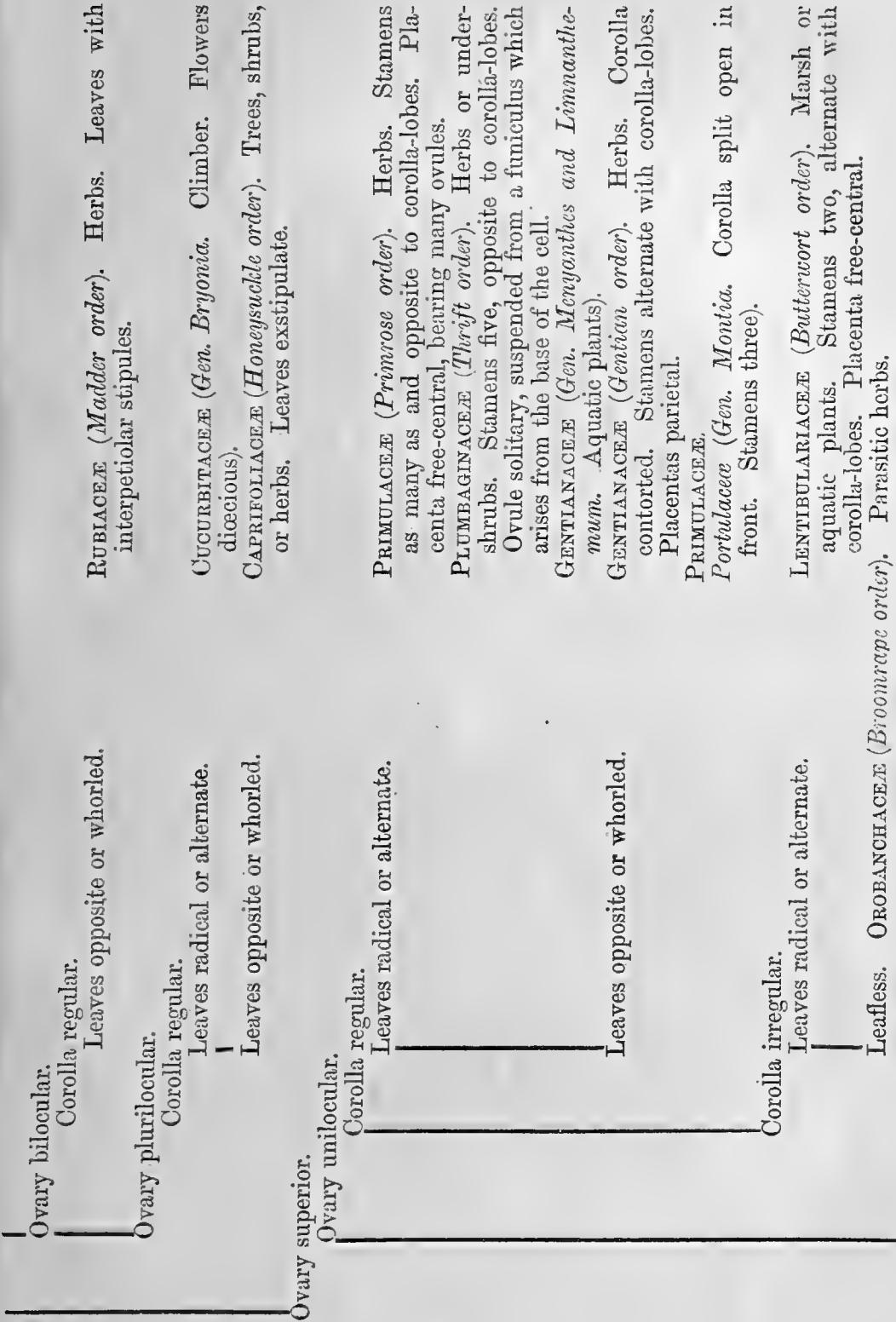
Ovary syncarpous.
Ovary inferior.

Ovary unilocular.
Corolla regular.
Leaves radical or alternate.
Leaves opposite or whorled.
Corolla irregular.
Leaves radical or alternate.
Leaves opposite or whorled.

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PRIMULACEÆ (*Gen. Samolus*. Herbs. Flowers small and white, in a terminal raceme).
COMPOSITÆ (*Composite order*). Herbs or shrubs. Florets in capitula on a common receptacle and surrounded by an involue. Stamens syngenesious. Ovule solitary and erect.

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VALERIANACEÆ (*Valerian order*). Herbs. Flowers in terminal corymbs or panicles. Stamens fewer than corolla-lobes. Ovule solitary, pendulous and exalbuminous.
DIPSACEÆ (*Teezel order*). Herbs or undershrubs. Florets capitate, with a common involucre, each floret surrounded also by an involucel. Anthers free. Ovule solitary, pendulous and albuminous.



Ovary bilocular.	Corolla regular.	Leaves radical or alternate
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Leaves radical or alternate.
Corona regular.

CONVOLVULACEÆ (*Bindweed order*). Twining or trailing herbs. Stamens five (rarely four), alternate with corolla-lobes. Two (rarely one) ovules in each cell. Seed exaluminous.

Leaves opposite or whorled

Leafless. **C**ONVOLVACEA.
Corolla irregular.
Leaves radical or alternate.

Leaves opposite or whorled
ovary unilocular

Leaves radical or alternate.
Mucular.
Corolla regular.

Leaves radical or alternate.

PLANTAGINACEÆ.

Leaves opposite or whorled

Leafless. CONVOLVACEAE
irregular. leaves radical or alternate.

Leaves opposite or whorled

Leaves radical or alternate.
Leaves regular.

Corolla irregular.

Leaves opposite or whorled.

LABIATE (Labiatae order). Herbs, or rarely shrubs with quadrangular stems. Stamens two or four, didynamous. Ovary deeply four-lobed, style from between the lobes.

VERBENACEÆ (Verbenaceæ order). Herbs, shrubs, or trees. Stamens two—four didynamous. Ovary not deeply lobed. Style terminal.

BORAGINACEÆ. (*Gen. Echium.*)

CLASS II.—MONOCHYLLAE.

Perianth single.

Flowers hermaphrodite.

Ovary monocarpellary.

Ovary polycarpellary.

Ovary apocarpos.

Ovary syncarpous.

Ovary inferior.

Ovary unilocular.

Leaves radical or alternate.

Leaves exstipulate.

Haloragaceæ (Gen. *Hippuris*). Aquatic plants.

Rosaceæ (Gen. *Alchemilla*, *Sanguisorba*, *Poterium*). Herbs or undershrubs.

Rosaceæ (Gen. *Alchemilla*, *Sanguisorba*, *Poterium*). Stamens perigynous. Seeds exaluminous.

Ranunculaceæ (Gen. *Thlaspiatum*, *Clematis*, *Anemone*, *Caulanthus*). Stamens hypogynous. Seeds albuminous.

SANTALACEÆ (Sandal-wood order). Herbs or undershrubs. Stamens 4—5, opposite to perianth-lobes. Ovules 2—3, pendulous.

Saxifrageæ (Sp. *Chrysosplenium alternifolium*). Stamens 8—10.

Saxifragaceæ. (*Sp. Chrysosplenium oppositifolium*).

Leaves opposite.
Leaves sessile.

Leaves exstipulate.
Ovary plurilocular.

Ovary plurilocular. Leaves radical or alternate.

Leaves radical or alternate.
Leaves exstipulate.

Leaves exstipulate.
Leaves opposite or whorled.

Leaves exstipulate.

Ovary superior.

Leaves radical or alternate.
Leaves exstipulate.

Leaves exstipulate.

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Leaves stipulate.

Leaves opposite or whorled.
Leaves exstipulate.

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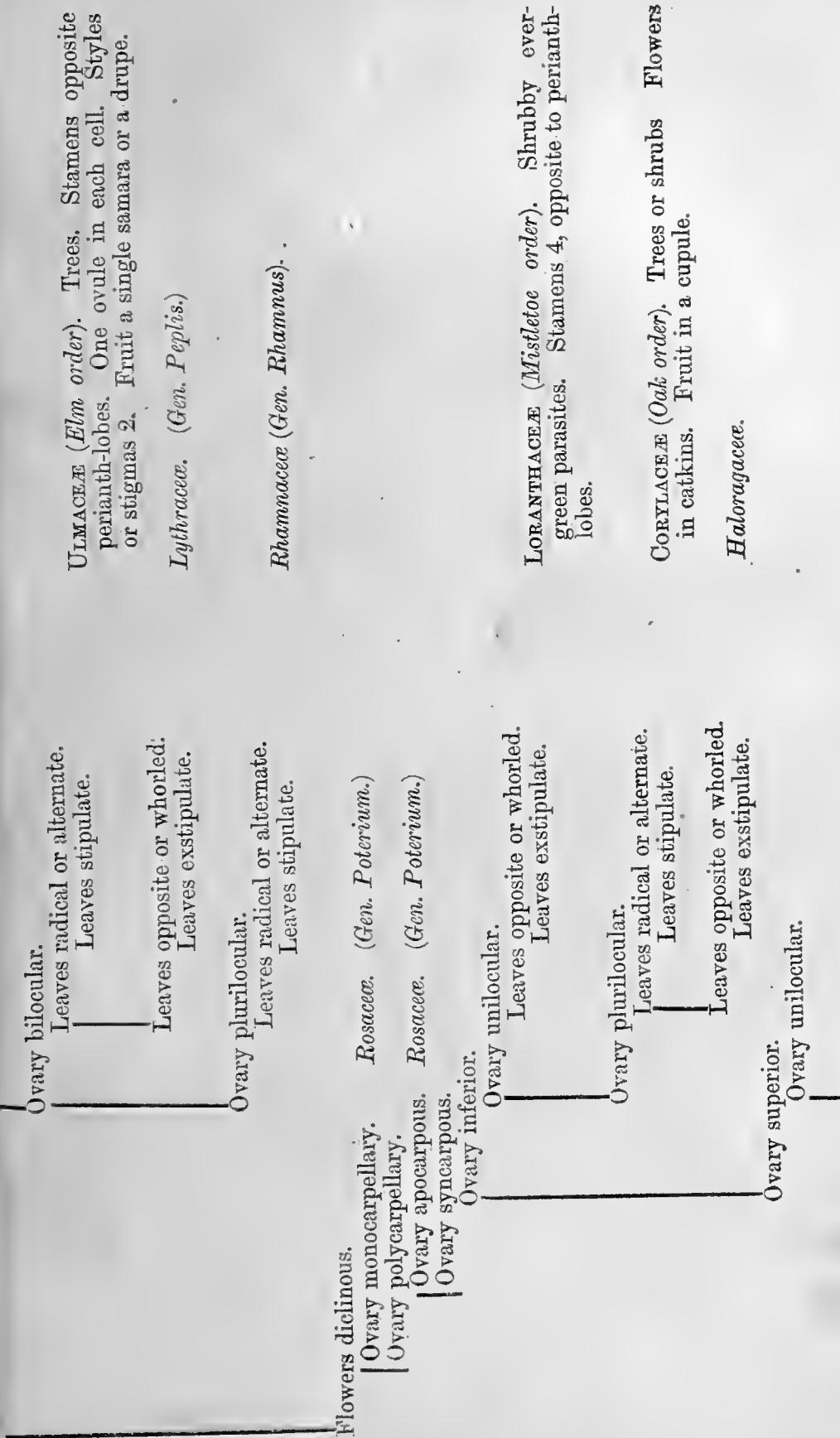
Caryophyllaceae. Herbs. Stamens usually twice as many as perianth-lobes, hypogynous. Ovules many on a free-central placenta. Stigmas papil-

lobes. Ovules many, on a free-central placenta.
Style 1).

inserted into perianth-tube. Ovule solitary, suspended, anatropous. Style 1.

annual herbs. Stamens 5, alternating with five small filaments. Ovule solitary. Styles, or sessile stigmas, 2 or 3.

PARONYCHIACEÆ.



Leaves radical or alternate.		CHENOPODIACEÆ.
Leaves exstipulate.		ELÆGNACEÆ (<i>Oleaster order</i>). Shrubs or trees with silvery-scurfy leaves, Male perianth of 2 scales. Ovule solitary, erect. One style and simple stigma.
Leaves opposite or whorled.		URTICACEÆ (<i>Nettle order</i>). Herbs. Stamens as many as, and opposite to, perianth-lobes. Ovule solitary. One or two styles or stigmas.
Leaves stipulate.		
Ovary bi- or plurilocular.		EUPHORBIACEÆ (<i>Spurge order</i>). Herbs, shrubs, or trees. Ovule solitary or twin, suspended. Radicle superior.
Leaves opposite or whorled.		EMETRACEÆ (<i>Crowberry order</i>). Low shrubby evergreens. Ovule solitary, ascending. Radicle inferior.

CLASS III.—*ACHLAMYDEÆ.*

Perianth absent or bract-like.

Flowers hermaphrodite. *Oleaceæ* (*Gen. Fraxinus*).
 Flowers dichinous.

Staminal flowers not in catkins.	CERATOPHYLLACEÆ (<i>Hornwort order</i>). Aquatic herbs. Leaves dissected and whorled. Stamens several. Style 1. Ovule solitary, suspended, orthotropous.
Ovary unilocular.	Euphorbiaceæ. (<i>Gen. Euphorbia</i>.)
Ovary trilocular.	
Ovary quadrilocular.	CALLITRICHACEÆ (<i>Starwort order</i>). Aquatic annuals. Leaves entire and opposite. Stamens solitary. Styles 2. Ovules 4.

Staminal flowers in catkins.		
Ovary unilocular.	MyRICACEÆ (<i>Bog-myrtle order</i>). Ovule solitary.	Shrubs. Monoecious or dioecious. Leaves exstipulate. Ovule erect.
Ovules several.	SALICACEÆ (<i>Willow order</i>). comose.	Trees or shrubs. Dioecious. Leaves stipulate. Seeds comose.
Ovary bilocular.	BETULACEÆ (<i>Birch order</i>). Trees or shrubs.	Monoecious. Leaves stipulate. Ovule solitary in each cell. Seeds pendulous.

SUBDIVISION II.—*Gymnospermia.*

- Ovules borne on open carpels and fertilized by the direct action of pollen.
- PINACEÆ (*Pine order*). Trees or shrubs. Leaves tufted or imbricated, mostly evergreen and linear. Monoecious or dioecious. Female flowers in cones.
- TAXACEÆ (*Yew order*). Trees or shrubs. Leaves evergreen and linear. Mostly dioecious. Female flowers composed of a solitary ovule, which is either terminal, or in the axil of a bract.

DIVISION II.—*MONOCOTYLEDONES* or *ENDOGENAE*.

Embryo with one or several alternate cotyledons. Wood endogenous. Leaves usually parallel-veined. Flowers usually formed on a ternary type.

CLASS I.—*PETALOIDÆ*.

Perianth double, whorled, trimerous, wholly or partially petaloid, or rarely scaly.

Leaves reticulated.

Flowers hermaphrodite.

Ovary syncarpous.

Ovary superior.

Flowers diclinous.

Ovary syncarpous.

Ovary inferior.

Ovary syncarpous.

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Flowers hermaphrodite.

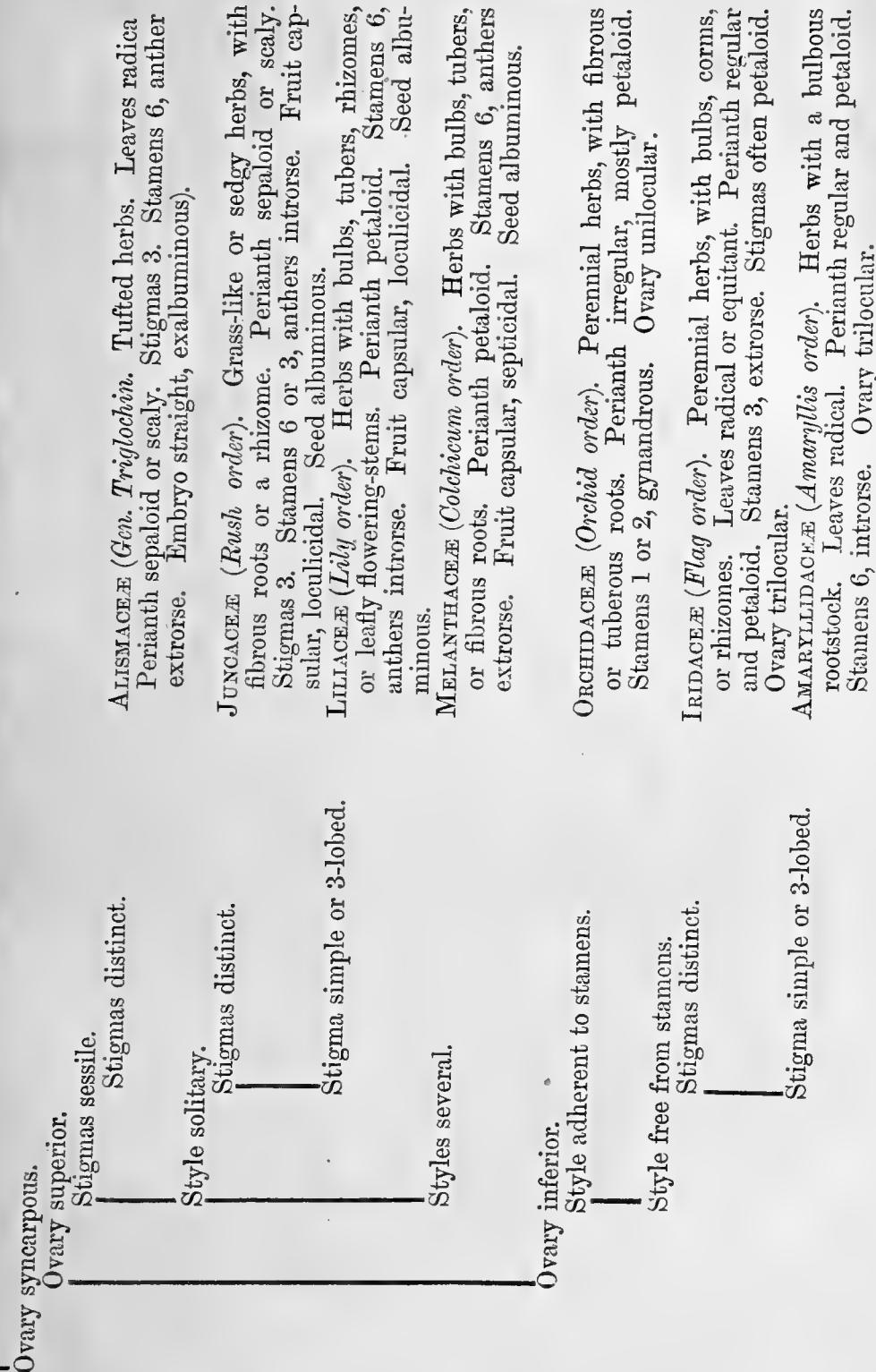
Ovary apocarpous.

Leaves parallel-veined.

TRILLIACEÆ (*Trillium order*). Herbs with a creeping root-stock. Perianth-segments 8 or 10. Stamens 8 or 10. Ovary plurilocular. Styles several and distinct. Fruit a berry.

DIOSCOREOIDEÆ (*Yam order*). Climbing shrubs, with tuberous or woody rootstocks. Perianth-segments 6. Stamens in males 6. Ovary in females plurilocular. Styles 3, distinct. Fruit a berry or a trilocular capsule. Seeds albuminous.

ALISMACEÆ (*Water-plantain order*). Marsh or aquatic herbs. Leaves radical. Perianth-segments 6. Stamens 6, 9, or indefinite. Seed exalbuminous.



ERIOCAULACEÆ (*Eriocaulon order*). Aquatic or marsh herbs.
Perianth regular, sepaloid. Seed albuminous.

HYDROCHARIDACEÆ (*Frog-bit order*). Aquatic herbs. Perianth regular, petaloid. Seed exalbuminous.

Flowers dichrous.
Ovary syncarpous.
| Ovary superior.
| Style solitary.
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Ovary inferior.
| Styles several.

CLASS II.—SPADICIFLORÆ.

Perianth absent or scaly. Flowers arranged on a spadix, which is naked or enclosed in a spathe.

Leaves reticulated. Spadix distinct. Ovary solitary. Leaves parallel-veined. Spadix distinct. Ovary solitary.

AROIDÆ (*Arum order*). Herbs. Leaves usually broad, radical or alternate. Fruit a berry. Ovules several. Seeds usually albuminous.

TYPHACEÆ (*Bulrush order*). Marsh or aquatic herbs. Leaves linear and sedge-like, radical and alternate. Filaments long. Ovule solitary. Filaments short. Seed albuminous.

Spadix a short peduncle.	LEMNACEÆ (<i>Duckweed order</i>). Floating plants. Stem and foliage represented by flat floating fronds. Fruit capsular or membranous. Ovules several or solitary.
Ovary solitary.	Seeds albuminous.
	NAIDACEÆ (<i>Naiad order</i>). Aquatic plants. Leaves cellular. Fruit composed of seed-like nuts. One ovule in each cell. Seeds exalbuminous.
Ovaries several.	NAIDACEÆ.

CLASS. III.—*GLUMIFLORÆ.*

Perianth scaly, green or brown, and imbricated.

CYPERACEÆ (*Sedge order*). Grass-like or rush-like herbs. Stems solid. Leaf sheaths tubular, not slit. Each flower in axil of one glume. Glumes mostly brown. Style more or less divided into two or three linear stigmas. Embryo within albumen. GRAMINACEÆ (*Grass order*). Herbs. Stems hollow, except at nodes. Leaf-sheaths slit. Each flower enclosed in a pair of glumes. Glumes mostly green or purplish. Styles two or three, stigmas feathery. Embryo outside albumen.

SUB-KINGDOM CRYPTOGRAMIA.

Flowerless plants. Propagate by spores not containing an embryo.

DIVISION.—ACOTYLEDONES.

No cotyledons. Stem, when present, acrogenous. Leaves, when present, with a forked or without true venation.

SUBDIVISION 1.—*Angiospora or Acrogenæ.*

Stems and leaves distinct. Stomata present. Roots adventitious. Have more or less vascular tissue. Spores produced in sporanges, which are closed until maturity. Spermatozoids spiral.

CLASS I.—SPOROGAMIA.

Produce two kinds of spores (microspores and megaspores), in which the male and female sexual organs (antheridia and archegonia) are developed during germination. The spores are contained in spore-sacs (sporanges or thecae), which are produced in stalked capsules or spore-fruits (sporocarps) arising from near the bases of leaves or leafstalks; or, the sporanges are sessile in the axes of imbricated leaves or bracts, which often form terminal spikes.

Sporanges in stalked sporocarps, arising from near bases of leaves or leafstalks.

MARSILIACEÆ (*Pepper-wort order*). Creeping or floating herbs. Stem an inconspicuous rhizome. Leaves small, stalked or sessile, circinate in vernation.

Lycopodiaceæ (*Club-moss order*). Herbaceous moss-like plants. Stem creeping or bifurcating. Leaves small and closely imbricated, straight in vernation.
Isoëtaceæ (*Quill-wort order*). Aquatic or marsh plants. Stem perennia and corm-like. Leaves linear, sessile and tufted, straight in vernation.

CLASS II.—*THALLOGAMIA.*

Produce spores of one kind, which germinate and produce a green cellular frond (prothallium), on which the antheridia and archegonia are developed. The spores are contained in sporanges, which are collected in clubs or spikes, terminating fertile stems; or the sporanges are superficial on the dorsal surface or edges, or on metamorphosed lobes of leaves.

Foliage abortive. Sporanges collected in clubs or spikes, which terminate the fertile stems.

EQUISETACEÆ (*Horsetail order*). Herbs. Stem fistular, longitudinally striated, jointed, simple or verticillately branched. Leaves abortive, and represented by whorls of scales at the joints. Sporanges peltate-shaped, and attached by stalks to the central axis of the terminal spike in which they are borne. Spores with elators.

Foliage well developed. Sporanges superficial, on dorsal surface or margins, or on metamorphosed lobes of leaves.

FILICES (*Fern order*). Herbs. Stem represented by a subterranean horizontal or vertical rhizome. Leaves or fronds well developed, radical or alternate with a bifurcated venation, circinate in vernation, except in Ophioglossaceæ. Sporanges with or without an annulus, situated on dorsal surface or margins, or on metamorphosed lobes of leaves, often collected in clusters (sori), which are naked or covered with a membrane (indusium).

Sub-Orders:—

OPHIOGLOSSACEÆ. Fronds straight in vernation. Sporanges distinct, exannulate, borne on margins of metamorphosed frond-lobes.

DANÉACEÆ. Fronds circinate in vernation. Sporanges coherent, exannulate, dorsal.

POLYPODIACEÆ. Fronds circinate in vernation. Sporanges distinct, annulate, dorsal or marginal.

CLASS III.—*AXOGAMIA.*

Spores after germination give rise to branched filaments, whence grow leafy stems bearing antheridia and archegonia.
Sporanges result from the fertilization of the archegonia.

Foliage represented by a lobed leaflike expansion or frond.

HEPATICÆ (*Liverwort order*). Thalloid hepaticæ. Sporanges immersed, sessile, pedicillate, or borne on under surface of peltate stalked receptacles which arise from the marginal sinuses of the frond. Dehiscence valvular or irregular. Without a columnella (except in Anthocerotaceæ). Spores mixed with elators (except in Ricciacæ).

Sub-Orders:—

MARCHANTIACEÆ. Sporanges with an involucel (perigone) borne on under surface of peltate stalked receptacles, which arise from the marginal sinuses of the frond. Dehiscence by teeth or irregular. No columnella. Spores mixed with elators. Antheridia in distinct receptacles.

RICCIACEÆ. Sporanges without an involucel, immersed or sessile. Dehiscence irregular. No columnella. Spores without elators.

ANTHOCEROTEEÆ. Sporanges pod-shaped, without an involucel. Dehiscence by two valves. With a columnella. Spores with rudimentary elators.

JUNGERMANIACEÆ. Sporanges oval, mostly pedicillate with an involucel. Dehiscence by four valves. No columnella. Spores with elators.

Foliage well developed. Stem filiform. Leaves distichously imbricated.

HEPATICÆ. Foliateous Hepaticæ.

Sub-Order:—

JUNGERMANIACEÆ.

Foliage well developed. Stem simple or branched, erect or creeping. Leaves mostly spirally imbricated.

MUSCI (*Moss order*). Sporanges globular or urn-shaped, pedicillate or sessile. Dehiscence opercular, valvular, or rarely indehiscent. With a columnella. Spores without elators.

Sub-Orders:—

ANDRÆACEÆ. Sporanges sessile. Dehiscence by four valves.
BRYACEÆ. Sporanges mostly pedicillate. Dehiscence opercular, or rarely indehiscent.

Aquatic plants. Stems composed of tubular verticillately-branched filaments; rooting at the nodes, sometimes incrusted with carbonate of lime.

CHARACEÆ. Reproductive organs of two kinds:—1. Solitary oval nucleæ (female), each of which consists of a spore covered with spirally-arranged tubes; each spore, after fertilization, falls off, germinates, and reproduces the plant. 2. Round eight-valved globules (male), each valve of which, when mature, separates, bearing a tuft of articulated filaments, each articulation of which produces a ciliated spermatozoid.

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SUBDIVISION III.—*Gymnosporae or Thallogena.*

Produce a thallus. No distinction into stem and leaves. No stomata. No vascular tissue. Spores produced in cells, which form part of the thallus or grow on definite parts of it, and which are open before maturity. Spermatozoids not spiral.

CLASS I.—*HYDROPHYTEA.*

ALGÆ. Aquatic plants. Thallus coloured and foliaceous, filamentous or pulverulent. Propagation various; by fissiparous division, by spores and antheridia, by zoospores, by tetraspores, or by cell-conjugation.

CLASS II.—*AEROPHYTA.*

LICHENACEÆ. Aërial plants. Thallus leathery, horny, crustaceous, or pulverulent. Propagation by green cells (gonidia), which are produced in the central cellular substance of the thallus, and which give rise to vegetative reproduction when set free; and by spores produced in spore-sacs (asci), formed in shield-shaped expansions (apothecia) or in excavated chambers (perithecia). Representatives of antheridia are formed in special excavations (spermagonia), and produce minute, motionless, bacilliform fertilizing corpuscles (spermata).

CLASS III.—*HYSTEROHYTA.*

Fungi. Parasitic plants. Thallus or mycelium consists of branched tubular filaments, forming a cottony mass, which is destitute of chlorophyll and starch. Propagation by propagative buds in the form of simple cells (conidia), and by spores, which in mildews and moulds are free, or contained in asci, and borne at the end of filaments of the mycelium. The higher fungi have the spores naked, or enclosed in ascii, in perithecia and apothecia, formed on a stroma or common receptacle, which mostly forms a distinct fruit.

NOTES AND CORRECTIONS.

Page 2.—The *Actaea* of RANUNCULACEÆ has a monocarpellary ovary.

„ The leaves of FRANKENIACEÆ are exstipulate.

Page 5.—ELATINACEÆ.—For annual *March* plants, read annual *marsh* plants.

Page 6.—The placentation of SAXIFRAGACEÆ is axile, not parietal.

„ The placentation of PARONYCHIACEÆ is not parietal, the ovule being solitary on a basal funicle.

Page 7.—In RHAMNACEÆ and CELASTRACEÆ, the ovules arise from the base of cells.

Page 8.—The petals of UMBELLIFERÆ are sometimes unequal.

Page 9.—The ovary is sometimes bilocular in LOBELIACEÆ.

„ Leaves are often alternate or scattered in ERICACEÆ.

Page 10.—The ovary of VALERIANACEÆ is more properly trilocular, two of the cells being abortive or empty.

Page 11.—The leaves of RUBIACEÆ have not invariably interpetiolar stipules.

Page 16.—Leaves of *Parietaria* of URTICACEÆ are alternate and exstipulate.

„ Leaves of EUPHORBIACEÆ and EMPETRACEÆ are not always opposite or whorled.

Page 19.—The perianth in *Iris* of IRIDACEÆ, and in *Galanthus* of AMARYLLIDACEÆ, is irregular.

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